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1. NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY HAS BEEN NOTED IN THE TRI BORDER REGION OF LAOS, CAMBODIA, AND SOUTH VIETNAM DURING THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS.

2. GIANT NAIL PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] REVEALED THAT AN UNNUMBERED ROAD WHICH RUNS FROM LAOS ROUTE 110E SOUTHWARD THROUGH CAMBODIA WAS BEING EXTENDED INTO SOUTH VIETNAM. THE ROAD WAS IN USE FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 110E AT YB6921, SOUTHWARD ACROSS THE CAMBODIAN BORDER AT YB705196 TO YB718067. CONSTRUCTION EXTENDED ANOTHER 1.4 KM SOUTHEASTWARD TO YB732055 IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

AN ADDITIONAL 14.6 KM OF ROAD WAS IN THE EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. THE ROAD EXTENDED EASTWARD WITHIN SOUTH VIETNAM TO THE WEST BANK OF THE DAK HODRAI AT YB808012. THE MOTORABLE LIMIT OF THE ROAD HAD NOT CHANGED SINCE [REDACTED]

4. PHOTOGRAPHY THE ABOVE ROAD WAS COMPLETELY CLOUD COVERED HOWEVER ADDITIONAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION WAS OBSERVED NEARBY. AT LEAST KM OF PREVIOUSLY ABANDONED ROUTE 613B IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION WITHIN SOUTH VIETNAM. THIS SHORT ROAD SEGMENT EXTENDING SOUTHWARD FROM YA746957 TO YA740928 WAS OBSERVED BETWEEN HEAVY CLOUDS WHICH OBSCURE THE PRESENT LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION. NO EVIDENCE OF THIS CONSTRUCTION WAS OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY. THE NEW ROAD PROBABLY JOINS THE ROAD DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 AND WHICH IS LOCATED 8.5 KM TO THE NORTH. THIS CANNOT BE CONFIRMED AS CLOUDS TOTALLY OBSCURE THE POSSIBLE JUNCTION.

MAP REFERENCES:

AIG SERIES L7014, SHEETS 6533 III, 6537 IV
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